

# Free State Will Survive, Irish Assure British

**Cosgrave Pledges Collins's Policies Will Be Carried Out and That Government Will Be Unshaken**

**Treaty Held as Binding**

**Twenty Irregulars Killed in Ambuscade; Attack on Cork Is Repulsed**

By Arthur S. Draper

Special Cable to The Tribune  
LONDON, Aug. 27.—The Irish Free State provisional government has assured the British government that the policies for which Michael Collins gave his life will be carried out, and that his successors will take up his task with the same determination and confidence.

The pledge is contained in a message received to-day from William T. Cosgrave, acting head of the Dublin government, which was in reply to a message of sympathy from Winston Spencer Churchill, the British Colonial Secretary, that followed the assassination of the Free State chief. Mr. Cosgrave's message read as follows:

"My colleagues and I acknowledge with deep appreciation your message of sympathy in this second tragic loss from our counsels and of your unshaken policy in the final accomplishment of all that the dead leaders stood for.

"Men of the heroic mold of General Collins or the creative power and rock-like steadfastness of President De Valera are not given in profusion to any nation or time, and when, under Providence, they have done their part in life they have left behind them a heritage of wisdom, inspiration and driving force.

Had wide co-operation  
President Griffith and General Collins had selected and attracted the ablest and most capable of a number of colleagues, some of whom you have met. The government so formed has stood, as you know, with unswerving consistency to the program of carrying into full effect, in accordance with the declared will of the Irish people, the treaty which was entered into between our plenipotentiaries and recommended by President Griffith and General Collins as offering the fairest hopes to our much tried people. We, their colleagues, have the same faith and stand by the same policy, and, though overwhelmed with grief, take up the same task with the same determination and confidence.

Mr. Churchill's message, which drew the foregoing pledge from the Free State head, came at a most opportune moment. "I take the earliest opportunity, in this hour of tragedy for Ireland and of intense difficulties for the Irish people, to express my sincere sympathy and confidence in the British government that the treaty position will be faithfully and resolutely maintained."

The death of two of the principal signatories, the retirement of another and the desertion of the fourth in no way affects the validity and sanctity of the settlement entered into with the plenipotentiaries of the Irish nation. On the contrary, we are sure that the provisional government and the Irish people will feel it all the more a sacred duty to carry into full effect the treaty of reconciliation between the two islands.

"For our part we hold ourselves bound on the treaty basis, and will meet good faith with good faith and goodwill with goodwill to the end."

**Heavy Firing in Cork**  
CORK, Ireland, Aug. 27 (By The Associated Press).—The citizens of Cork listened throughout the night to intense shelling from the sea, followed by several bomb explosions. The trouble was due to an attack by irregulars on Free State posts in the city, including College Road, the former police barracks, in Battery house and the Bandon station, which is being used temporarily by the Red Cross. The attacking force was driven off. Four men were captured. The two captured men were the only ones who were the object of an attack. The irregulars were easily beaten off.

The irregulars suffered heavy casualties. At least twenty of them have been killed in an ambush at Pile-down, Glenlesk, near Killybegs. An ambush was laid, and the irregulars were dislodged only when an eighteen pound gun brought into action. At Nengh, County Tipperary, a mine was exploded under a lorry, containing national troops. Three of the national troops were killed by the explosion and one was wounded in the firing which followed.

**British Artillerymen Attacked**  
QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 27 (By The Associated Press).—A party of seven British artillerymen under Captain Kennedy from Dore Island in Battery Barr, landed Friday from a launch at Clonoweth to draw pay for the troops on the island. They had proceeded only a short distance when they fell into an ambush by irregulars.

There was fierce fighting and all the attacking party were either killed or wounded. Captain Kennedy and most of his party also were wounded.

**Collins's Body Carried Through Dublin Streets**  
Casket Placed Before Altar for Requiem Mass To Be Celebrated This Morning

DUBLIN, Aug. 27 (By The Associated Press).—With imposing military honors, the body of Michael Collins, Ireland's warrior statesman, was borne through the streets of Dublin and placed on a catafalque before the altar of the great cathedral.

To-morrow morning requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul.

To-day's suspension of civic activities permitted the people to render respectfully the homage they so ardently rendered to the memory of their beloved leader. From the city hall, where the body lay in state, thousands of people gazed upon the body of the man to whom more than any one else, the people are turned for a peaceful settlement of Ireland's woes, and who gave his life

# Army Finishes Reduction of 100,000 Troops

**Eliminations, Spread Over 18 Months, Represent 45 Per Cent of the Actual Strength; Nucleus Kept**

**3d Reorganization Plan**

**Men Apportioned to Different Branches to Hold Perfect Balance Intact**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Approximately 300,000 of the claims against Germany to be presented by the United States before the mixed claims commission on behalf of the Veterans' Bureau, represents an indemnity to the government as an insurer whereby the United States insured the hull and the lives of its citizens.

Bureau officials estimated to-day there were 378 claims against the German government for loss or damage to ships or property.

The claims are being examined by the Veterans' Bureau, which is to determine ownership it would be impossible, they added, to say how much represented the rights of American citizens.

# Work Proposes U. S. Shall Own All Postoffices

**Program Designed to Check Profiteering by Avaricious Landlords Also Is Approved by President**

**Half-Billion To Be Saved**

**\$12,000,000 Annually Paid in Rentals; Big Increases Made as Leases Expire**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (By The Associated Press).—Government ownership of postoffice buildings in every city and town has been proposed to Congress by Postmaster General Work, with the approval of President Harding.

The President's approval, Administration officials said to-day, was based upon reports showing that the plan would mean a saving to the government of approximately \$500,000,000 within the next ten years.

Administration leaders in Congress, regarding the undertaking as an important business reform and designed to check profiteering in rentals, were prepared, it was said, to urge immediate enactment of legislation providing for a nation-wide postal building program.

The Postmaster General explained that the department now pays in rentals annually about \$12,000,000 and that when many leases recently expired owners demanded huge increases. In view of this situation he added, "there is a necessity for government ownership of buildings within the limitation of good business judgment as against the leasing system."

**Aims to Check Profiteering**  
The Postmaster General further declared that with the adoption by the government of the plan suggested profiteering in rentals would be checked and speculation on the part of those who sought to prey upon the government would be abolished for all time.

Before the plan, as worked out by the Postmaster General and his associates, was submitted to the President it was discussed at a conference with Secretary Mellon, after which Treasury experts examined every detail. It was said that the Federal government, in some cases, was the owner of buildings used for postal business where occupancy was obtained by lease, and Treasury officials, it was added, were prepared to consider government purchase or construction of buildings was essential to economical administration of the postal system.

President Harding was informed by Dr. Work that the government could borrow money on practically a 4 per cent basis to build postoffices, whereas when it leases the department pays a rental sufficient to permit it to borrow money at 10 per cent, and in some cases as much as 16 per cent.

**Expanded Quarters Necessary**  
There are 5,836 postoffices in leased quarters and only about 1,200 in buildings owned by the government. Earnings of the government during the last ten years have more than doubled, with a result that more buildings and space are required to keep pace with the constantly growing business.

Under the plan of legislation that could be enacted by Congress would have a more far-reaching effect upon the business life of the various communities. Postmaster General Work said "taxpayers should be relieved in every manner consistent with good business policies, and, in fact, it is time that the people be given a square share of the cost of the government and its institutions."

# British Find Americans Careful With Money

**Days of Extravagance Ended, Many Tip Seekers Discover**

LONDON, Aug. 15 (By Mail).—Rich Americans are no longer extravagant, according to "The Daily Express." Two American war veterans, who were at a West End hotel received recently from a wealthy American visitor.

"He probably thought he was giving me two bob," said the porter to a "Daily Express" representative. "Oh for the good old golden days," he lamented, "when they handed out half-sovereigns in mistake for the sixpences."

Another porter said he had recently received a penny tip. He too, put it down either to a mistake or ignorance of the currency. The hotel porters agree that this has been one of their worst seasons as far as tipping is concerned. They say the American visitors, with rare exceptions, no longer tip extravagantly or even generously. Many never tip anybody.

The porter said: "The Americans are not becoming mean, but more careful of their money. The majority of the American families who are traveling this season have acquired their wealth after years of hard work. The wives see to it that their husbands are not extravagant, and cut tips down to a minimum. Men traveling alone are a little more generous."

"Now and then our hearts are gladdened by some of the good old kind, who tip generously and fairly, rewarding those who give them service for the sake of the weather-wretched."

# The American Legion

**MacNider Calls on All Posts to Send a Full Quota to National Convention in New Orleans**

**Col. Roosevelt Presides at Reunion Committee Meeting; Deegan Indorsed by N. Y. County Convention**

Appreciating the work of all Legionnaires in New York state and urging them to continue in the membership drive, so that a bigger delegation may be sent to the national convention in New Orleans in October, National Commander Hanford MacNider has written a letter to all post commanders in the New York department. The letter follows:

"Mr. Post Commander: "New York has backed up the national organization in great shape this year—the work that has been done by the post officers is not only appreciated, your community realizes what you have accomplished. The state is not yet over its last year's final membership. It will be, of course, but you want the old state first at New Orleans, not only to lead in the big parade, but marked first on the floor, to have the colors decorated, to see your delegation sporting the Legion fourragere for over 100 per cent of 1921 membership, but to be pulled out before all New Orleans to receive the great Legion Cup for the year. And you can clinch all these honors for the old state if your post can deliver ten new members. There's stamped post card enclosed ready for your promise. Get the ten best Legionnaires in the post to get one member apiece—more if they find them. We look to you for the round trip."

"Membership is not the most important thing in the Legion, but it puts power into the good right arm of the organization. It is a means which we stand for and win the battle for our less fortunate buddies. Fifteen states have already passed last year's final membership. We want them all over—it's up to you. The new Legion men will be grateful to you for the new blood, leading the whole United States at New Orleans—and you'll put a new punch into the whole American Legion."

"We want you and every member of the post down at New Orleans. That's a pretty happy hunting grounds anyway, but with an extra special Mardi Gras just for the Legion—well, they'll need twice as many as at Kansas City (there were 159,000 registered there) to absorb all their hospitality. You'll meet every buddy you ever had in the service and best of all, you'll meet the new fellows in the Legion and in the best country on earth."

"So far we've only managed the best rate yet given a convention this year. It's a pretty good record, but we know the railroads say they lose at one cent. This proffered rate is a cent and four-fifths—not much difference when it's figured down. The railroads right now are in a pretty tight spot. Our national and state committees are at work to bring about the cent a mile. The fight will continue."

"Bring the post music and your color guard to the reunion. There's nothing to be the biggest athletic meet ever held in America; cups for the winning posts, cups, medals and awards for the winners. But best of all bring every Legionnaire you can. We want you and every member of the post down at New Orleans—with the whole American Legion there to do you the honors. "Send us the card to-day. "Thanks."

# New Organization Aims to Promote Care of Veterans

**Citizens Committee of America Purposes to Consolidate Efforts of Agencies in Behalf of Disabled**

A new organization incorporated as the Citizens' Committee of America, with headquarters in the Park Row Building, has been launched in the interests of the disabled soldier. A citizen is eligible to membership. Any citizen will be granted to each community for the formation of a local Citizens' Committee.

The purposes of the organization are outlined as follows: "To state and foster, especially among our own citizens, a sincere appreciation of the disabled soldier's sacrifice; to seek the setting aside of a national observation day to commemorate such sacrifice by all proper means; to protect the prompt and ample hospitalization of the sick; to insist upon a comprehensive and effective plan of rehabilitation and vocational training; to enlist the co-operation of all agencies, government and private, working on his behalf."

In a statement given out yesterday from the headquarters of the national organization, A. Fitz Roy Anderson, secretary, enlarges on the aims of the committee.

"We have now laid the groundwork for an intensive campaign along constructive lines," he said, "and from the names of the people who are already identified with this movement may be judged the manner in which it will be handled. The American people little realize the serious situation regarding the failure of the nation to provide properly for these disabled defenders of the country."

"Thousands of the disabled cannot be properly hospitalized because hospitals have not been built. Thousands will not enter the hospitals afforded because of the class of the institutions and the manner in which they are operated. Charitable and makeshift places harbor those who were once our heroes. In this district alone, that gave one-tenth of the over-all forces, not one government hospital has been completed and only one is under construction. Our phantom hospitals will yet take the form of empty memorials to the dead whom today they might have served."

# Large Jersey Farm Sold

G. Tuoti & Co. sold for Jacob L. Meyers to H. Barbuti his 380-acre farm, one mile from Hopewell station, N. J., consisting of a complete set of outbuildings, a large barn, a large fruit trees. The purchaser intends to go into the fruit growing business.

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# Many Houses Nearly Ready For Occupancy

**Over supply of Brick, With Finishing Materials Behind Demand, Points to Finished Operations**

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Simultaneously there comes a bigger demand for finishing time than manufacturers can produce with full capacity in operation. Other finishing commodities like glass and certain electrical products are behind demand, with shipments becoming more uncertain and distributors reluctant to accept orders at current prices, preferring to make their sales contingent upon market prices at time of delivery.

# Downward Price Movement

Surface analysis indicates that if dealers are willing to take orders only on such a basis prices must be in line for another period of protracted advance. Full-scale confidence may be placed in a downward, rather than a higher price movement, however, before the opening of the 1923 season. There is a general reluctance on the part of distributors to advance prices for material dealers, for example, are carrying manufacturing price advances without passing them on to consumers.

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# Woman Lost in Alps Clings to Rock 3 Days

**"Will to Live" Fails Death Amid the Perils of the Mountains**

LONDON, Aug. 15 (By Mail).—A Berlin schoolmistress of twenty-four, Fraulein Charlotte Botcher, had a terrifying experience in the Tyrolean mountains, according to "The Daily Express." She lost her way in a mist while picking berries, and eventually found herself in a fainting condition on a small rock called "The Devil's Chair," overlooking a precipice.

When the mist cleared away she realized that it was impossible for her to retrace her steps or to go any further. A slight movement would have meant a fall of 800 feet.

The young woman, amid storms of snow and rain, clung to the rock tenaciously for three days and nights without food, till a rescue party saw her. Another day and night passed before they succeeded in dragging her from her perilous position.

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